

REMARK/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully present the following comments and arguments in response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005.

In the Office Action, restriction to one of the following two identified inventions was required, under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Method of injection molding (claims 1-28).
- II. Optical part, including a polarizer (claims 29-35).

For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement, but provisionally elect the invention of Group I.

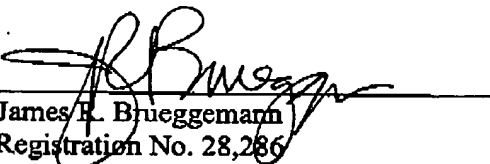
First, Applicants note that the Examiner has incorrectly characterized the inventions defined by claims 1-28 and claims 29-35. Claims 1-28 are directed *not* to a method of injection molding, but rather to a method of pre-conditioning an insert for injection molding. Further, claims 29-35 are directed *not* to an optical part including a polarizer, but rather to an optical part without regard to whether or not it incorporates a polarizer. (Only dependent claims 30 and 32 call for the optical part to incorporate a polarizer.)

Second, by this Amendment, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to define the method to be for pre-conditioning an insert “for use in injection molding an *optical part*.” As amended, independent claim 1 now relates more closely to independent claim 29. Specifically, independent claim 1 now defines a “method of pre-conditioning an insert for use in injection molding an optical part,” and independent claim 29 now defines the “optical part,” itself. Thus, the method of claim 1 cannot be used to make a materially different product, and the product of claim 29 cannot be made using a materially different method. For this reason, restriction between the two identified sets of claims should not be required.

This application should now be in condition for substantive examination.
Allowance of the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' undersigned attorney of record might expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below.

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